

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

<p>CHRISTOPHER HICKS,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff(s),</p> <p style="text-align: center;">vs.</p> <p>PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant(s).</p>	<p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p>	<p>Case #2:25-cv-00469-CDS-MDC</p> <p>VERIFIED PETITION FOR PERMISSION TO PRACTICE IN THIS CASE ONLY BY ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND DESIGNATION OF LOCAL COUNSEL</p> <p>FILING FEE IS \$250.00 [ECF No. 21]</p>
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Tomio B. Narita, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:
(name of petitioner)

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP

(firm name)

with offices at 50 California Street, Suite 2750
(street address)

San Francisco
(city)

California
(state)

94111
(zip code)

415.433.1900
(area code + telephone number)

Tomio.Narita@wbd-us.com
(Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC to provide legal representation in connection with
[client(s)]

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

3. That since December 16, 1991, Petitioner has been and presently is a
 (date)
 member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of California
 (state)
 where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or
 from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular
 possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying
 the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District
 Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts
 of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good
 standing of the bars of said Courts.

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
U.S. Supreme Court	March 29, 2004	156576
USDC Northern California	December 18, 1992	156576
USDC Central California	December 31, 1991	156576
USDC Eastern California	November 23, 1992	156576
USDC Southern California	December 15, 1992	156576
U.S. District Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit	February 26, 2003	156576
U.S. District Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit	July 7, 2009	156576

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner,
 nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory
 or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or
 disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

(State "none" if Petitioner has no disciplinary proceedings, etc.) None

6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars if ever denied admission):

(State "none" if Petitioner has never been denied admission.) None

7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

(State "none" if Petitioner is not a member of other Bar Associations.) American Bar Association

8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
October 6, 2023	2:23-cv-01289-RFB-E	USDC-Nevada	Granted

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court
 2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.



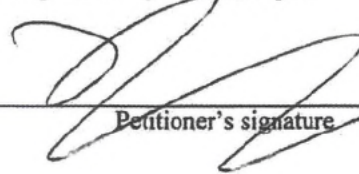
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 4 STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
 5 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO }

6 TOMIO B. NARCITA

7 , Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

8 That the foregoing statements are true.



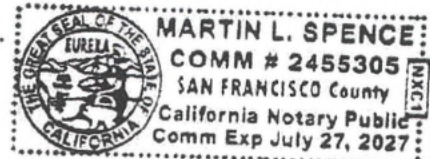
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 10 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11 17th day of APRIL, 2025

12 Martin L. Spence

13 Notary Public or Clerk of Court



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 16 **DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO
 17 THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

18 Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner
 19 believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate John E. Bragonje,
 20 (name of local counsel)
 21 Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the
 22 above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of
 23 said designated Nevada counsel is:

24 3993 Howard Hughes Pkwy, Suite 600
 25 (street address)

26 Las Vegas
 27 (city)

28 Nevada
 (state)

89169
 (zip code)

702.949.8200
 (area code + telephone number)

John.Bragonje@wbd-us.com
 (Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations
3 binding on all of us.

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5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

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7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) John E. Bragonje as
8 (name of local counsel)
his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.

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10 Meryl Dreano
11 (party's signature)
12 Authorized Rep. of Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC
13 (type or print party name, title)

14 (party's signature)
15 (type or print party name, title)

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17 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**

18 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.

19 John E. Bragonje
20 Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature
21 9519 John.Bragonje@wbd-us.com
22 Bar number Email address

23 APPROVED:

24 Dated: April 23, 2025

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26 [Signature]
27 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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